IN THE ABSTRACT

An a~~A~~pparatus, method, and system provide the ability to ~~for processing image data is provided, comprising processing means, storage means, display means and stylus-like manually operable input means, wherein said processing means is configured to~~ perform functions upon image data in response to an operator manually selecting a function from a function menu. ~~; said processing means responds to~~ In response to a first user-generated input command, ~~so as to display~~ a plurality of function gates are displayed at a cursor position~~;~~. The gates that are displayed are relevant to a current application being performed by an operator. Using a stylus, a cursor is moved ~~movement of the stylus-like manually operable input means so as to move said cursor~~ through one of ~~said~~ the function gates ~~results~~ resulting in a related menu being displayed. ~~; and manual selection of a~~ A function is manually selected from ~~said~~ the displayed menu and results in the selected function being performed upon ~~said~~ the image data.